



## Membership F.A.Q's

- How do I go about joining?

We've made it simple and effortless. After you have decided on which category best suits you (have a look at our new comparison chart on the membership web page!) and download the application form on the website. Simply print it or ask for a copy from us at the counter or by post, fill in the relevant details and drop it in to us at the pro-shop. We will accept your application immediately and you can play the same day! The applications will take around 7 days to be processed, and we do not credit check or reference check. We believe that's how it should be.

- How many members do you currently have?

This varies, at the present date (1/2/12) we have 402. Over the past 3 years membership has risen by 60%! We think this is a combination of hard work on the course, together with logical and sensible thinking.

- Do you charge a joining fee?

No, however once membership exceeds 450, we will have to look at that as an option, but for now rest assured there isn't, and that means it's a great time to join in early/mid 2012!

- I've never played golf before, would I be welcome at Gorstyhill?

Absolutely, we realise that everyone has to start from scratch, and we welcome beginners to our golf club. There is no such thing as a silly question to us, and before or after you join, we realise that it takes time to pick up the basics of play and etiquette, however we are always on hand to make you feel welcome, valued and informed. Expert tuition is available from our talented Head PGA Professional David Lillley, who utilises the same analysis system used by SKY Sports! Over the next few months we will be adding some great info to our membership page, including guides to etiquette, videos on the basics of golf and much more.

- I haven't got a handicap, how do I go about obtaining one once I'm a member?

One of the most asked questions!— and once again we make it simple and hassle free. All you need to do is play 3 rounds with another member, marking on the card 'for handicap purposes' submit your cards to us, and we will calculate your handicap for you. Normally only taking a few days, and if you're struggling to find a playing partner we can help you out at the pro-shop. We have a great bunch of members here, many of whom would be happy to help.

- I haven't been a member of a club for a while, can I still use my old handicap from that club?

Yes if you have moved from there within 6 months of joining Gorstyhill you are obligated to continue to play off that handicap. If its been longer than 6 months since you were a member of another club, then as per above question, the three card rule applies.

- What makes Gorstyhill Golf Club different from other clubs in the region?

We believe we have struck a great balance between respecting the historic traditions of the game, with a modern and forward thinking attitude. That's a big claim, however its something we have worked hard at. Take a look at our new membership options for instance. No other club has ever attempted a Corporate Membership Package that's so affordable, and from the initial feedback about Corporate 500, its sure to be emulated at other courses. Also we have the new option 5 day+. As per 5 day membership you can play in the week, but now for a little extra, play social golf at the weekends too. Simple but refreshing thinking. Not just that but our ever improving website, together with listening closely to the membership have done their part too.

- Whats Country Membership and whats the eligibility criteria?

This traditional option is available to people living 50 miles or further away from the course. The lower cost when compared to 7 day membership reflects this, as it is presumed that you wouldn't be able to play as often due to travel distance.

- Is their an active Seniors section and how many seniors do you have?

Yes very much so. The seniors meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, and have a thriving active section, many competitions and some of the most likeable characters you will ever meet (Major Doug Forrest and Pete Caiger to name but a few!) The section is always helpful and welcoming to new members and their Seniors Team is pretty good too! There is a little over 100 senior members presently at the club. If your thinking of joining and would like to play with and meet some of the section, we will be glad to facilitate this.

- Is their an active Ladies section?

We are working hard too grow the ladies section here. Being a new golf club its challenging to attract lady members away from more established golf clubs, but were not at all phased by this. We have found that if potential lady members visit and try the course and meet some of our friendly and welcoming ladies, they soon feel the unique charm that time and time again is felt by our visitors and guests we have. 2012 is going to be a huge year as we have plans in place and great ideas, to encourage both beginner lady golfers and attract more experienced ladies to the club. Late 2011 we ran several ladies clinics which were a huge hit, so watch this space for more to come.

- Do you have a lot of visitors and societies play at your club?

Like every golf club we welcome both societies and visitors here, however we are NOT one of the clubs we have all heard about that shoe-in so many societies and visitors that it significantly affects members tee times. For instance we do allow societies and visitors at weekends, but not until after 11am, and sometimes not at all if there is a busy competition on. Also we have a two-week schedule that is on the website and on notice boards that shows society bookings, giving members ample opportunity to plan and book their golfing times.

- If I take the Direct Debit option, can I cancel my membership at any time?

No, unfortunately the DD option is not a monthly membership, just a simple and convenient way of spreading out the cost of membership, making golf here very affordable. Members who choose this option are agreeing to pay the full 12 monthly instalments. Please see the bottom of the direct debit form for the terms. Direct Debit memberships are slightly more expensive simply due to the charges we incur and the admin time of setting/maintaining the agreements.

- Im ready to join, how do I complete the Direct Debit info needed, and what information do I need to bring with me?

Its really easy, you can simply pop into the pro-shop when your ready to join and we only require a few details from you. These are name, address, bank account number, sortcode, name and address of the bank (we can find the postcode for you) together with a signature and your ready to go! There are no credit checks associated with this option.